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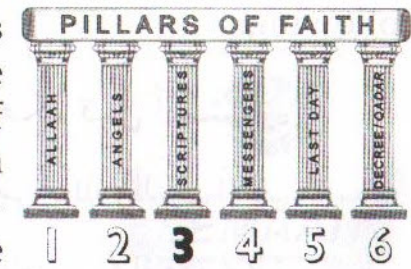
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CHAPTER 1

THE THIRD PILLAR

The Six Pillars of Faith

In the first book of this series (Knowing Allaah), we discussed the Six Pillars of Faith. They were mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Jibreel (عليه السلام) — when he came to the Prophet (ﷺ) and asked him about *Islaam*, *Eemaan*, *Ihsaan*, and the Last Hour. The Six Pillars are:



1. Belief in Allaah
2. Belief in the angels
3. Belief in the books
4. Belief in the messengers
5. Belief in the Last Day
6. Belief in the *qadar*.

We must believe in all of these pillars. Allaah (ﷻ) mentions the first four of them in the following *aayah*:

﴿ءَامَنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ رَبِّهِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ،

كُلٌّ ءَامَنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ.﴾ البقرة ٢٨٥

«The Messenger (Muhammad) believes in what was sent down to him from his Lord (Allaah). The believers do too. They all believe in Allaah, His angels, His books, and His messengers.»¹

Allaah (ﷻ) also mentions five of the pillars in the following:

«لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ
وَالْمَغْرِبِ، وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ
وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ، ...» البقرة ١٧٧

«Righteousness does not (only) mean that you turn your faces toward east or west (in the prayer); righteousness is believing in Allaah, the Last Day, the angels, the books (of Allaah), and the prophets, ...»²

Anyone who does not believe in every single one of these pillars is not a true believer. Allaah (ﷻ) says:

«وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكِتَابِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ
الْآخِرِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا» النساء ١٣٦

«Anyone who does not believe in Allaah,

¹ Soorat al-Baqarah 2:285.

² Soorat al-Baqarah 2:177.

His angels, His books, His messengers, or the Last Day, is surely greatly misguided.»¹

A true believer must believe in all of Allaah's books. Believing in the books that Allaah revealed is the third pillar of belief. This is our subject of study in this book.

Knowing the Books

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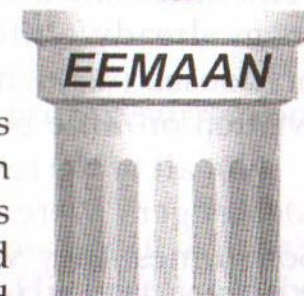
THE REVELATION (OR WAHY)

An important pillar of our faith is believing that Allaah (ﷻ) sent down (or revealed) books to His messengers. The messengers used the books to teach their nations and guide them to the right path. Allaah (ﷻ) commands us to believe in His books. He says:

«يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا، ءَامِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي
نَزَّلَ عَلَىٰ رَسُولِهِ وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي أَنزَلَ مِن قَبْلُ.» النساء ١٣٦

«O you who believe, believe in Allaah, His Messenger, the Book that He revealed to His Messenger, and the books that He

¹ Soorat an-Nisaa' 4:136.



2. Mention three main subjects that are taught in Allaah's books (6 points):

1	
2	
3	

3. Mention three benefits of learning about Allaah's books (6 points):

1	
2	
3	

CHAPTER 2

THE BOOKS THAT WE KNOW

Allaah Revealed Many Books

Allaah (ﷻ) tells us that He sent revelations to each one of His prophets. He says:

«قُولُوا: "ءَامَنَّا بِاللَّهِ، وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْنَا، وَمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَالْأَسْبَاطِ، وَمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَىٰ، وَمَا أُوتِيَ النَّبِيُّونَ مِن رَّبِّهِمْ، لَا نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ، وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ."» البقرة ١٣٦

«Say, "We believe in Allaah, and what was revealed to us, and what was revealed to Ibraaheem, Ismaa'eel, Is-haaq, Ya'qoob, and the Sons (of Ya'qoob), and what was given to Moosaa and 'Eesaa, and what was given to the prophets from their Lord — we make no difference between any them, and we submit ourselves to Him (Allaah).»¹

¹ Soorat al-Baqarah 2:136.

The Scriptures of Ibraaheem

The scriptures that Allaah (ﷻ) sent down to Ibraaheem (ﷺ) were in the form of sheets (*suhuf*). In early times, there was no paper. People wrote on leather, wood, and other things. They would usually write on separate sheets or leafs that were not bound into books. Allaah (ﷻ) says:

﴿إِنَّ هَذَا لَفِي الصُّحُفِ الْأُولَىٰ صُحُفِ

إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَىٰ﴾ الأعلى ١٨-١٩

«This surely is mentioned in the early scripture — the sheets of Ibraaheem and Moosaa.»¹

Allaah also says:

﴿أَمْ لَمْ يُنَبِّأْ بِمَا فِي صُحُفِ مُوسَىٰ﴾ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ

الَّذِي وَفَّىٰ؟﴾ النجم ٣٦-٣٧

«Or, has he (the nonbeliever) not been told about what was in the sheets of Moosaa, and also (the sheets of) Ibraaheem who delivered the complete message?»²

¹ Soorat al-A'laa 87:18-19.

² Soorat an-Najm 53:36-37.

This *aayah* indicates that Ibraaheem (ﷺ) delivered to the people the complete teachings and advices that he received from Allaah (ﷻ).

The Tawraah

Moosaa (ﷺ) was sent to teach and lead the Jews. The Jews are sometimes called the Children of Israel because they descend from Ya'qoob (ﷺ). Ya'qoob had another name, Israa'eel. There are many other prophets that Allaah sent to the Jews.

The book that Allaah (ﷻ) revealed to Moosaa (ﷺ) is called the Tawraah (or Torah). Sometimes, Allaah mentions it by name, and sometimes He only calls it "sheets" (*suhuf*) or "book" (*kitaab*). Allaah (ﷻ) says:

﴿وَأَتَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ الْكِتَابَ، وَجَعَلْنَاهُ هُدًى لِّبَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ﴾ الإسراء ٢

«We gave Moosaa the book and made it a guidance for the Children of Israel.»¹

And Allaah (ﷻ) says:

﴿إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا التَّوْرَةَ فِيهَا هُدًى وَنُورٌ﴾ المائدة ٤٤

«We have surely sent down the Tawraah. There was in it guidance and light.»²

¹ Soorat al-Israa' 17:2.

² Soorat al-Maa'idah 5:44.

The Injeel

'Eesaa (ﷺ) is called "Jesus" in English. He is the last prophet that Allaah (ﷻ) sent to the Children of Israel. Allaah gave him a book called the Injeel (or Gospel). Allaah (ﷻ) says:

﴿وَقَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ، وَأَتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنْجِيلَ فِيهِ هُدًى وَنُورٌ، وَمُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ، وَهُدًى وَمَوْعِظَةٌ لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ﴾ المائدة ٤٦

«And We sent, following in their (the previous prophets') footsteps, 'Eesaa the son of Maryam. He confirmed the Tawraah that preceded him. We also gave him the Injeel that contained guidance and light. It confirmed the Tawraah that came before it and contained guidance and advice for the pious.»¹

Allaah (ﷻ) also says:

﴿وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَجَعَلْنَا فِي ذُرِّيَّتِهِمَا النَّبُوَّةَ وَالْكِتَابَ، فَمِنْهُمْ مُّهْتَدٍ، وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ﴾
ثُمَّ قَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِرُسُلِنَا، وَقَفَّيْنَا بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ،

¹ Soorat al-Maa'idah 5:46.

وَأَتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنْجِيلَ. الحديد ٢٦-٢٧

«We surely sent Nooh and Ibraaheem (as prophets) and gave their descendants (or children) prophethood and scripture. But only some of them were guided (to good), and many of them rejected (the guidance). Then We sent after them Our (other) messengers, and We followed them with 'Eesaa the son of Maryam and gave him the Injeel.»¹

And Allaah (ﷻ) says:

﴿إِذْ قَالَ اللَّهُ: "يَعِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ أَذْكُرْ نِعْمَتِي عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَتِكَ، إِذْ أَيَّدْتُكَ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ، تَكَلَّمَ النَّاسُ فِي الْمَهْدِ وَكَهْلًا، وَإِذْ عَلَّمْتُكَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَالتَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ."﴾

المائدة ١١٠

«And (mention) when (on Judgment Day) Allaah will say, "O 'Eesaa, Son of Maryam, remember My favor upon you and your mother: I supported you with the Pure Spirit (Jibreel), you spoke to the people in the cradle and as an adult, and I taught you writing and wisdom and the

¹ Soorat al-Hadeed 57:26-27.

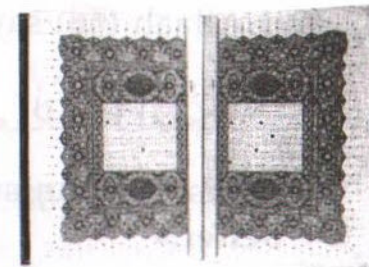
9. Mention four important things that the Injeel contained (8 points):

1
2
3
4

CHAPTER 4

THE LAST BOOK

The Last Book from Allaah (ﷻ) is that which He revealed to His Last Messenger Muhammad (ﷺ). It is most commonly known as the Qur'aan — even though it has several other names. It is the Book of complete guidance. It has all of the wisdom contained in the previous books — and more. It is the book that Allaah (ﷻ) promised to protect from changes and harm. No human being or *jinn* can write a book like it.



Names of the Last Book

Allaah's last book has different names. In this section, we learn the most common of these names.

THE QUR'AAN

The first and most common name for the Last Book is "the Qur'aan". Allaah (ﷻ) used this name in many places of His Book. For example, He says:

﴿وَقَالَ الرَّسُولُ: "يَرْبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي اتَّخَذُوا

هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ مَهْجُورًا."﴾ الفرقان ٣٠

«And the messenger will say (on Judgment Day), "O my Lord, my people have surely abandoned this Qur'aan."»¹



May Allaah make us of those who recite the Qur'aan frequently, memorize it, and follow its teachings — *aameen*.

¹ Soorat al-Furqaan 25:30.

Questions and Exercises



1. In the following table, check all true statements (16 points):

	Statement	✓
a	We should recite Qur'aan to get rewards from the people.	
b	We should read the Qur'aan for money.	
c	We should read the Qur'aan to please Allaah.	
d	We should not go to extremes in interpreting the Qur'aan.	
e	We may desert the Qur'aan sometimes.	
f	One who reads the Qur'aan with difficulty gets half the rewards.	
g	Satan likes listening to the Qur'aan.	
h	Our position in <i>Jannah</i> is decided by how much Qur'aan we read.	
i	The two glorious <i>soorahs</i> are <i>al-Baqarah</i> and <i>aal-Imraan</i> .	
j	On reciting 10 letters of the Qur'aan, we get 10 rewards, each reward multiplied 3 times.	
k	A house where the Qur'aan is not read is like a graveyard.	